

St. Louis Sustainable Water Infrastructure Forum

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A quality Forum with 150 attendees was accomplished with the assistance of many people who had the goal of producing an event that would both inform attendees and listen to what they had to say so that EPA could stimulate efforts leading to the long term sustainability of water and wastewater utilities. As one can see from this report, there was no shortage of ideas to help address elements of the present problem with the current course that does not provide a sustainable water infrastructure.

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